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Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

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I. Introduction

1. At its 26th meeting, on 29 May 2015, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) resumed its consideration of the item (see A/C.4/69/SR.26).

2. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Proposed updated programme of work and timetable of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the seventieth session of the General Assembly" (A/C.4/69/L.20), submitted by the Bureau.

3. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.4/69/L.20 without a vote (see para. 4).

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II. Recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

4. The Fourth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Updated proposed programme of work and timetable of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the seventieth session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly, recalling its decision 69/525 of 5 December 2014 in which it approved the proposed programme of work and timetable of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the seventieth session of the Assembly on the understanding that it would be updated, as necessary, in the light of the decision of the Assembly on the dates of the general debate of the seventieth session, and recalling also its resolution 69/244 of 29 December 2014 in which it decided that the general debate of the Assembly at its seventieth session would begin on 28 September 2015, approves the updated proposed programme of work and timetable of the Committee for the seventieth session of the Assembly as set out in the report of the Fourth Committee.

Updated proposed programme of work and timetable of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the seventieth session of the General Assembly

Date time	*Programme*
Week of 5-9 October	
Wednesday, 7 October	
3-4 p.m.	Organization of work
	Approval of programme of work
	Approval of time limits for statements
	Establishment of Working Group of the Whole
	Consideration of aide-mémoire containing requests to petition on Non-Self-Governing Territories
Thursday, 8 October	
3 p.m.	Introductory statements and joint general debate on decolonization items:
	Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations
	Economic and other activities that affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories
	Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Date time	*Programme*
	Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories
	Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples
	Approval of requests to petition on Non-Self-Governing Territories
Friday, 9 October	
3 p.m.	Consideration of decolonization items (*continued*):
	Statements by representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories as well as petitions on Non-Self-Governing Territories approved to be heard by the Committee
6 p.m.	Closure of the list of speakers on decolonization items
	Deadline for submission of proposals on decolonization items
Week of 12-16 October	
Monday, 12 October	
10 a.m.	Consideration of decolonization items (*continued*):
	Statements by representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories as well as petitions on Non-Self-Governing Territories approved to be heard by the Committee
Tuesday, 13 October	
10 a.m.	Consideration of decolonization items (*continued*):
	Statements by representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories as well as petitions on Non-Self-Governing Territories approved to be heard by the Committee
	Joint general debate on decolonization items (*continued*)
Wednesday, 14 October	
10 a.m.	Joint general debate on decolonization items (*continued*)
Thursday, 15 October	
10 a.m.	Joint general debate on decolonization items (*concluded*)
	Action on proposals submitted under decolonization items
Friday, 16 October	
10 a.m.	Introductory statement, interactive dialogue, general debate and action on proposal on:
	Assistance in mine action

Date time	*Programme*
Week of 19-23 October	
Monday, 19 October	
3 p.m.	Introductory statement, general debate and action on proposal on:
	University for Peace
	Introductory statement and general debate on:
	International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space
	Working Group of the Whole on international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space
Tuesday, 20 October	
3 p.m.	**International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space**
	General debate (*continued*)
	Working Group of the Whole on international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (*continued*)
Wednesday, 21 October	
3 p.m.	**International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space**
	General debate (*concluded*)
	Working Group of the Whole on international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (*concluded*)
Thursday, 22 October	
3 p.m.	Joint ad hoc meeting of the First and Fourth Committees on possible challenges to space security and sustainability
Friday, 23 October	
3 p.m.	Introductory statements, general debate and action on proposal on:
	Effects of atomic radiation
Week of 26-30 October	
	(Action on proposals relating to "International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space" is expected in the week of 26-30 October)
Tuesday, 27 October	
10 a.m.	Introductory statement, interactive dialogue and general debate on:
	Questions relating to information
6 p.m.	Closure of the list of speakers on "Questions relating to information"

Date time	*Programme*
Wednesday, 28 October	
10 a.m.	**Questions relating to information**
	General debate (*continued*)
Thursday, 29 October	
10 a.m.	**Questions relating to information**
	General debate (*concluded*)
	Action on proposals
Friday, 30 October	
10 a.m.	Introductory statements, interactive dialogue and general debate on:
	Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects
6 p.m.	Closure of the list of speakers on "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects"
Week of 2-6 November	
Tuesday, 3 November	
3 p.m.	**Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects**
	General debate (*continued*)
Wednesday, 4 November	
3 p.m.	**Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects**
	General debate (*continued*)
Thursday, 5 November	
3 p.m.	**Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects**
	General debate (*concluded*)
Friday, 6 November	
3 p.m.	Introductory statements, general debate and action on proposal on:
	Comprehensive review of special political missions

Date time	*Programme*
Week of 9-13 November	
Monday, 9 November	
3 p.m.	Introductory statement, question-and-answer period and general debate on:
	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
Tuesday, 10 November	
10 a.m.	**United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East**
1 p.m.	General debate (*concluded*)
Wednesday, 11 November	
10 a.m.	Introductory statements, question-and-answer period and general debate on:
	Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories
3 p.m.	Deadline for submission of proposals on "United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East" and "Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories"
	Deadline for submission of proposals on all outstanding items
Thursday, 12 November	
10 a.m.	**Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories**
	General debate (*continued*)
Friday, 13 November	
10 a.m. (if needed)	**Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories**
	General debate (*concluded*)
Week of 16-20 November	
Tuesday, 17 November	
10 a.m.	**United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East**

Date time	*Programme*
	Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories
	Introduction of and action on proposals
	Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly
	Proposed programme of work and timetable for the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly and consideration of working methods
	Action on proposals on all outstanding agenda items
	Conclusion of the work of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the main part of the session